

CVRC Club September 2009 Meeting Minutes

President, Dan Metz opened the meeting at 7:00 PM. There were 21 members present.

Dan asked all the members present to take a moment to introduce themselves and give a brief background of their modeling experience. There was a lot of "Experience" in the room!

Dick announced that the club checking account balance was \$8,333.42. Dan asked the membership to renew for 2010 as quickly as they can so we can afford to re-coat our runway and U-control areas.

Dan also announced that Ray Cullen had passed away due to cancer and his wife had donated most of the raffle items for this evening.

Dan then asked Craig Waters to discuss the Cessna / Piper Fly-in that is currently scheduled for Saturday, October 24th. Our club has been asked to exhibit our planes and helicopters at this event. Dan and Craig will attend the next planning meeting next week.

Dick Knapp discussed our clubs entry in this year Palm Desert Golf Cart Parade. The parade theme is "Personalities in the Desert" and we are featuring Jacqueline Cochran and her establishment and direction of the Women's Airforce Service Pilots during WW II. This group trained 1074 women pilots who transported 12,650 aircraft from the factory to the training bases and flew over 60 million miles. Our float will be a ½ scale F-104 fighter that Jacqueline set a women's speed record in. The float will be 29 feet long and 12 feet wide! Hopefully!

Dan announced that we would again have a booth at this year Jacqueline Cochran Air Show, scheduled for Saturday, November 7th. We will then hold our annual "Demo Day" on Sunday, November 15th. This will also be our "Toys for Tots" event with a big raffle.

Dan then discussed his conversation with Scott Reed of Global Jet Club in Irvine, CA. Scott wanted to know if we would consider hosting his group at our field for a "Fun Fly". We would keep the field open for our members to also fly, plus advertise the event locally to give us spectator parking fees and food income to raise money for our club. Dan feels that this group is a more responsible group of fliers and could be a way of attracting some jets with their crowd-pleasing performance.

Dan then discussed the very slow progress of the Western Scale Invitational. Currently, there isn't anyone leading the effort to hold this event again. Andreas, who headed up the last event is totally wrapped up in a new home this year.

Dan also mentioned that he is trying to find someone to head up a glider fun fly at the Indian Wells Tennis Garden early next year. The intent would be to hold a 1-2 day fun fly for sailplanes, electric powered gliders and electric aero-tow events. No awards, just fun!

Dan discussed holding additional workshops at the field on Sundays to help new members, and even "Old" members with problems that come up. It seems like a good idea, but will probably remain as a "catch as catch can" event rather than a firm date.

Dan then discussed our volunteer ambassador program. If you would be willing to try and cover a particular day at the field, please let Dan know. (469-8302). In the mean time, if you are at the field and a new face shows up, introduce yourself and see if there is anything you can assist him with.

Dan mentioned that we have a number of Ray's beautiful early models that we will check with the Palm Springs Air Museum to see if we can find a home for them.

Dan then discussed holding a "Swap Meet" again and a majority of the members present thought it was a good idea, preferably in January of next year.

Dan then asked Craig to discuss his list of upcoming events. This list will be published on our new website, but still needs more input so we don't have events with only two entries! We are working on getting a RC combat group to visit us and put on a demo, plus show us their "quick build" airplanes. Joe is also still trying to organize a U-control event.

The raffle raised \$103

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 PM.